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Fuel Standards Environmental Coordination Committee Minutes

Date	June 28, 2001
Time	10:00 AM- 12:00 noon
Place	Conference Room C, Reno Tahoe International Airport

ATTENDANCE:

1	Ms. Yann Ling, Washoe County Health Department, Air Quality Management Division
2	Mr. Peter Krueger, AMS, Petroleum Industry
3	Ms. Teri Baltisberger, Department of Motor Vehicles
4	Dr. Jason Geddes, Chemist, Nevada Department of Agriculture
5	Mr. Peter Konesky, Nevada State Energy Office
6	Ms. Lisa Foster, AAA

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1	Wrap up of the 2001 Legislature	X
2	Vapor Lock (V/L=20)	X
3	NAC Updates	X
4	Old Items	X
5	New Items	X

Meeting came to order at 10:13 a.m.

Legislative Update

Jeter Kr. and Jason updated the committee on the status of a variety of bills before the legislature related to fuels. The bills and their status are summarized below.

Vapor Lock (V/L=20)

Jason gave an overview of the problem. There has been some concern that fuel that has ethanol added does not meet the Vapor Lock (V/L) specification from the ASTM standard. The Department of Agriculture has not received consumer complaints regarding this issue. A survey of California, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Idaho also found no performance problems related to this specification. The issue will be discussed further at the workshops in Las Vegas and Reno on July 17 and 18, respectively.

NAC Updates

The Nevada Department of Agriculture is holding workshops to discuss the temporary amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 590 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This chapter deals with fuel quality standards. Workshops have been scheduled in southern and northern Nevada.

Southern Nevada

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2001
Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington, Las Vegas
Conference Room 4412E

Northern Nevada

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2001
Nevada Department of Agriculture
350 Capitol Hill Avenue, Reno
Conference Room

We are seeking to update the references to ASTM methods in Nevada Administrative Code Section 590. The regulations cited in NAC 590 refer to outdated versions of the ASTM methods and we would like to update them to the new versions. The new versions contain several improvements as well as corrections to errors found in the previous versions.

The update would be as follows:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Current Version</u>	<u>Most recent version</u>
Gasoline	D4814-97b	D4814-00a
Diesel	D975-97	D975-00
Aviation Gas	D910-97	D910-00
Jet Fuel	D1655-97	D1655-00b
Kerosene	D3699-96a	D3699-98
Fuel Oil	D396-97	D396-98
Antifreeze	D3306-94, D5216-95, D4656-95	D3306-00a

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshops or by contacting Jason Geddes (email jgeddes@govmail.state.nv.us.)

Old Items

There were no old items.

New Items

Peter Ko. sought input from the committee regarding the Energy Office's efforts to place E-85 fueling stations at the State Motor Pool yards as well as at private stations.

Peter Kr. suggested some additions and removal of members of the committee based on changes in careers and job assignments.

Peter Kr. sought input from the group regarding a language change in NRS 590.070 Section 1 to remove the phrase "which are substantially similar to the laws and regulations of the State of California relating to those standards." The reference to California would also have to be removed from NRS 590.070 Section 2. The Department of Agriculture will seek such a change in a Bill Draft Request for the 72nd Legislative session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Bill No.	Description	Status
SB536	<i>Authorize creation of entity to address and regulate air quality in larger counties.</i>	<i>Vetoed</i>
AB 198	Relating to change in funding priorities from the Pollution Control Account.. Adds counties into funding priority list. Adds electronic transmission surcharge.	Passed
AB629	Makes changes concerning liquefied petroleum gas.	Passed
AB639	Revise provision regarding operation of certain vehicles containing dyed special fuel.	Passed
SB124	Provides for direct allocation of revenues from certain taxes on fuel to cities	Passed
SB39	Revise provisions governing the jet fuel tax to allow proceeds for air service development	Passed
SB478	Provides tax incentives to encourage the use of vehicles that clean-burning fuels.	Passed
SB522	Makes changes concerning authority and distribution of the motor vehicle fund.	Passed
SB557	Makes various changes to formula for distribution of certain revenues from tax on fuel	Passed
SB59	Changes designation of motor vehicle privilege tax to governmental services tax.	Passed
AB 258	Revises provisions regarding control of emission from vehicles.	Lost
AB261	Reduce the state motor vehicle fuel tax.	Lost
AB284	Creates an emissions inspection program for heavy-duty diesel vehicles	Lost
AB348	Makes appropriation for alternative fuel program.	Lost
SB177	Exempt diesel fuel from the provisions governing alternative fuels.	Lost
SB190	Authorize Board of Examiners to change the amount of the Motor Vehicle Revolving Account	Lost
SB309	Makes appropriation to ensure a permanent source of fuel for Clark County	Lost
SB357	Increase fees for C.C.H.D.	Lost
SB534	Makes various changes regarding air quality programs in Clark County	Lost
SB71	Exempt taxes on propane for other than domestic purposes other than heat	Lost
SJR12	Urge Congress to require the BLM and USEPA to work more closely regarding certain air quality issues in Nevada	Lost